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## Bi-Weekly Report

The first day of work started off with a meeting and an ice-breaker to get to know the other interns. My first reaction of the job was that I couldn't wait to get started with the organization and the interns. So my first fix it was at Ferebee-Hope Elementary School located at 3999 8th St. SE Washington, DC 20032, Ward 8. The reason for doing that was because of our Operation "Fix It". "Operation Fix It" is Mayor Adrian M. Fenty's multi-agency initiative aimed at abating areas where crime, blight, and compliance issues require participation from more than one DC Government agency.

"Fix Its" are coordinated weekly by the Outreach and Services Specialists and cover a 2-3 block radius with services including graffiti removal, street cleaning, alley repair, weed trimming, illegal dumping, abandoned auto removal, building inspection and much more. "Operation Fix-It" aims to improve the quality of life for residents, businesses and patrons.

The objectives of the "Fix It" were to remodel the playground, restructure the baseball field, fix the game room, remodel the sidewalk, and replace the vents for downstairs. On our follow-up, which occurs three weeks later, we took a look at what has changed and/or what needs to be changed. I got the opportunity to meet the mayor and walk through with him to view what has changed. The school has changed and is currently looking better than it has before. The new things that need to be changed are the black top that was formally used as a basketball court

and the gazebo, which is used as a stage for concerts and shows. So far, the job here is and will be an exciting experience.